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Docket Number: 50454-56103USCIP3
Title: INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC ACID COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA WHICH EXHIBIT AN IN VIVO STAIR-STEPPED ABSORPTION CURVE

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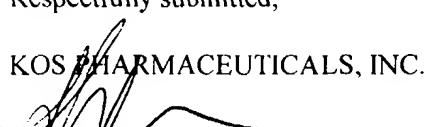
Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application are the following documents:

1. Response to the Office Action mailed 6 May 2003;
2. Petition for Extension of Time; and
3. Return Postcard.

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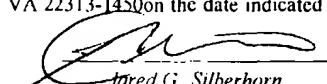
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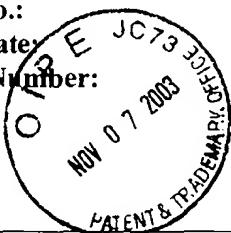
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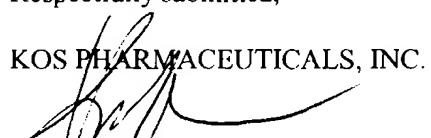
REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a three (3) month extension of time up to and including 6 November 2003 for filing a Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in the above-referenced case. Please charge the required fee of \$950.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0943. In addition, please also charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this matter to our deposit account.

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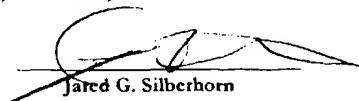
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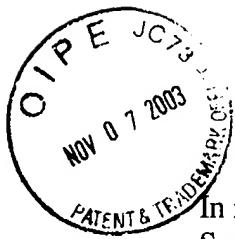
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application for U. S. patent, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

Amendments To The Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.